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SUMMARY. CONTACT GROUP ON G-77 OMNIBUS RESOLUTION (AGENDA ITEMS 4, 6, 14D) MET JULY 23. IN PARAGRAPH BY PARAGRAPH DISCUSSION WEO'S RAISED A NUMBER OF FUNDAMENTAL AS WELL AS DETAILED POINTS, TO WHICH G-77 SPOKESMEN (PRINCIPALLY PAKISTAN, INDIA AND YUGOSLAVIA) RESPONDED, GENERALLY DEFENSIVELY. PRINCIPAL POINTS RAISED BY WEO'S CONCERNED ACHIEVEMENT OF BETTER BALANCE BETWEEN THREE ITEMS COVERED (PROGRAM OF ACTION, DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, AND 1975 SPECIAL SESSION GA) VICE PRESENT EMPHASIS ON PROGRAM OF ACTION; INACCURATE REFERENCES TO LATTER IN TERMS UNANIMITY, PLEDGES, ETC.; UNDUE EMPHASIS ON "DEVELOPED COUNTRY" ROLE; AND NEED FOR UNIFIED REVIEW AND APPRAISAL PROCESS FOR DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND PROGRAM OF ACTION RATHER THAN SEPARATE PROCESSES. SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WERE RESERVED IN COMMENTS. G-77 EXPRESSED DISMAY AT REACTIONS, BUT PROMISED TO STUDY AND DISCUSS INFORMALLY. NEXT CONTACT GROUP MEETING PLANNED FOR JULY 25. END SUMMARY.

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1. CONTACT GROUP ON G-77 OMNIBUS RESOLUTION ON AGENDA

ITEMS 4 (PROGRAM OF ACTION), 6 (SPECIAL SESSION GA) AND 14D (SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE, MID-TERM REVIEW) HELD SECOND MEETING AFTERNOON/EVENING JULY 23 RATHER THAN JULY 24 AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED. WITH MEMBERSHIP INCREASED TO 29 (AND STILL OPEN-ENDED), GROUP DECIDED TO DISPENSE WITH FURTHER GENERAL REMARKS AND TO PROCEED WITH PARAGRAPH BY PARAGRAPH COMMENTS AND REPLIES. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS.

2. PREAMBLE. U.S. (TANK) SUGGESTED BETTER BALANCE COULD BE ACHIEVED IN STATED PURPOSE OF INTERRELATING THESE THREE ITEMS. PROPOSED AS SUBSTITUTE ENTIRE PREAMBLE THE TEXTS OF FOUR NEW OPENING PARAS "RECALLING" GA RESES 2626 (REVIEW AND APPRAISAL INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY), 3178 (AGENCY COOPERATION IN MID-TERM R AND A), 3172 (1975 SPECIAL SESSION GA), AND 3202 (PROGRAM OF ACTION), THE LAST REFERRING TO PROVISION THAT PROGRAM OF ACTION COMPLEMENTS AND STRENGTHENS GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF STRATEGY FOR SECOND DD AND SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN MID-TERM REVIEW. PAKISTAN (FOR G-77) THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE RESTRICTIVE AND DIFFICULT ACCEPT. FINLAND FAVORED US PROPOSAL SINCE IT WANTED TO SEE MORE STRESS ON DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY. FRANCE SUGGESTED U.S. REFERENCES BE INCLUDED BUT WITH SIMPLE MENTION OF SUBJECT AND WITHOUT FURTHER DETAILS. UK AGREED.

3. PREAMBLE, PARA 2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA (SPEAKING FOR SOCIALIST GROUP), FRG, CANADA, US, BELGIUM AND UK DOUBTED APPROPRIATENESS OF INCLUDING REFERENCE TO COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY ESPECIALLY SINCE MEANING STILL UNCLEAR. FRG, CANADA AND BELGIUM ADDED ARGUMENT THAT CES SHOULD APPLY TO ALL AND NOT JUST LDC'S. UK THOUGHT PARA COULD BE REDRAFTED. BRAZIL AND INDIA (FOR G-77) DEFENDED PARA AND EMPHASIS ON DEVELOPMENT TO ACHIEVE CES.

4. SWEDEN PROPOSED NEW PREAMBULAR PARA TO GIVE GREATER EMPHASIS TO DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, RECALLING THAT, IN ACCORDANCE FIRST OVERALL R AND A, CENTRAL PURPOSE IS UNCLASSIFIED

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DEVELOPMENT, ESPECIALLY FOR LEAST DEVELOPED.

5. PREAMBLE, PARA 3. US POINTED OUT INACCURACY OF REFERENCE TO "PLEDGE OF ALL MEMBER STATES." CANADA ASSERTED THERE WAS NO CONSENSUS IN VIEW MANY RESERVATIONS AND HENCE SUGGESTED SUBSTITUTING "AS ADOPTED" FOR "JOINTLY ADOPTED." AFTER INDIA REMARKED THAT PROGRAM OF ACTION CANNOT BE FORGOTTEN SIMPLY BECAUSE OF RESER-

VATIONS, IT WAS AGREED TO SET ASIDE DISCUSSION OF CONSENSUS QUESTION. US (REFERRING ALSO TO PARA 4) BRIEFLY REITERATED POSITION ON UNQUALIFIED REFERENCES TO PLEDGES, CONSENSUS, ETC., EXPLAINING WE WOULD NOT REPEAT THIS EVERY TIME, BUT THAT IT APPLIED THROUGHOUT.

6. PREAMBLE, PARA 7. FRANCE THOUGHT LANGUAGE GAVE INCORRECT IMPRESSION THAT PROGRAM OF ACTION WAS SUPERIOR TO DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY WHEN IN FACT THEY REINFORCE EACH OTHER.

7. CZECHOSLOVAKIA SAID SOCIALIST GROUP WANTED REFERENCE TO DETENTE IN PREAMBLE.

8. PART A, PARA 1. UK, SUPPORTED BY CANADA, FRANCE ITALY AND BELGIUM, SUGGESTED DELETING "IN PARTICULAR THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES," SINCE THEME WAS INTERDEPENDENCE. SIMILARLY, IN PARA 7, UK SUGGESTED DELETING "INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES", LEAVING IT SIMPLY "POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTORS" TO EMERGENCY PROGRAM.

9. PART A, PARAS 2 AND 3. UK QUESTIONED CONSTITUTIONALITY OF ASKING AGENCIES TO ACT BEFORE RESPECTIVE GOVERNING BODIES DECIDE, AND OF ECOSOC CALLING ON THEM TO ENLARGE PROGRAMS. FRANCE AND BELGIUM AGREED. INDIA AND YUGOSLAVIA DEFENDED, WITH FORMER POINTING TO NEED FOR ADDITIONALITY.

11. PART A, PARAS 7 AND 8. PAKISTAN ANNOUNCED TEXTUAL CHANGES, (A) DELETING FROM PARA 7 "AND TO ANNOUNCE THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS BY 15 AUGUST 1974", AND (B) IN EFFECT SPLITTING PARA 8 INTO TWO PARAS AND INSERTING BETWEEN THEM A NEW PARA READING, "WELCOMES THE PROPOSED

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MINISTERIAL MEETING OF POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTORS TO BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER 1974 AND INVITES ALL CONCERNED MEMBER STATES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING WITH A VIEW TO TAKING CONCRETE ACTION TO COMPLETE THE EMERGENCY OPERATION."

12. PARTS A AND B (VARIOUS). UK, FRANCE, BELGIUM, ITALY, AND FINLAND RAISED VARIOUS BASIC PROBLEMS WITH RESPECT TO PROVISIONS FOR SEPARATE REVIEW PROCESSES FOR PROGRAM OF ACTIONS AND DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AS WELL AS PROBLEMS OF TIMING. UK IN PARTICULAR POINTED OUT DUPLICATION IN BOTH REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND REVIEW, AND SAID IT WOULD LIKE TO SEE WHOLE PROCESS CENTERED IN 1975 REVIEW AND APPRAISAL, AS IN PARA B4, WITH WHICH PARA A10 WAS INCONSISTENT. BELGIUM AND ITALY ADDED

THAT ECOSOC CONSIDERATION OF REVISED STRATEGY SHOULD NOT ONLY BE ON BASIS PROGRAM OF ACTION (PARA B5) BUT SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND PROGRAM OF ACTION "AS APPROPRIATE." FRANCE, BELGIUM, ITALY AND FINLAND SUGGESTED THIS BE CONSIDERED AT 59TH RATHER THAN 58TH ECOSOC.

13. PART C. THERE WAS LITTLE TIME TO DISCUSS THIS PART (ON SPECIAL SESSION). CZECHOSLOVAKIA (FOR SOCIALIST GROUP) DOUBTED NEED TO CREATE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE, AS ECOSOC COULD HANDLE. UK SAID RESOLUTION SHOULD MAKE UP ITS MIND ON PREPARATORY PROCESS, AND FRANCE STRESSED NEED FOR ADEQUATE TIME FOR PREPARATIONS.

13. AT CLOSE OF MEETING PAKISTAN (FOR G-77) EXPRESSED "SOME DISMAY" AT REACTIONS, EXPLAINING THAT RESOLUTION WAS EFFORT TO COORDINATE THREE ITEMS AND WAS PROCEDURAL. SAID G-77 WOULD STUDY, AND HOPED OTHER GROUPS WOULD CONSIDER VIEWS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. SOVIETS HOPED SPONSORS WOULD CONSULT SOCIALIST GROUP.

14. IT WAS LEFT THAT CONTACT GROUP WOULD MEET AGAIN JULY 26, LEAVING JULY 24 FOR "INFORMAL MEETINGS."

15. COMMENTS FOLLOW. ABRAMS

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